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INCREASING RATES OF COMPENSATION OF THE HEADS AND ASSISTANT HEADS OF EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES

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Mr. Murray of Tennessee, from the committee of conference, submitted the following

CONFERENCE REPORT

[To accompany H. R. 1689]

The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 1689) to increase rates of compensation of the heads and assistant heads of executive departments and independent agencies, having met, after full and free conference, have agreed to recommend and do recommend to their respective Houses as follows:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

the Senate and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the matter proposed to be inserted by the Senate amendment insert the following: That the rate of basic compensation of the head of each executive department and of the Secretary of Defense shall be \$22,500 per annum; the rate of basic compensation of the Deputy Secretary of Defense shall be \$20,000 per annum; and the rate of basic compensation of the Secretary of the Army, the Secretary of the Navy, and the Secretary of the Air Force shall be, respectively, \$18,000 per annum.

Sec. 2. (a) Section 105 of title 3 of the United States Code is amended to read as follows:

to read as follows:

"COMPENSATION OF SECRETARIES AND EXECUTIVE, ADMINISTRATIVE, AND STAFF ASSISTANTS TO PRESIDENT

"§ 105. The President is authorized to fix the compensation of the six administrative assistants authorized to be appointed under section 106 of this title, of the Executive Secretary of the National Security Council, and of five other secretaries or other immediate staff assistants in the White House Office as follows: Two at rates not exceeding \$20,000 per annum, three at rates not exceeding \$18,000 per annum, and seven at rates not exceeding \$15,000 per annum.

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(b) The first sentence of section 106 of title 3 of the United States Code is amended to read as follows: "The President is authorized to appoint not to exceed six administrative assistants and to fix their compensation in accordance with section 105 of this title."

SEC. 3. The rate of basic compensation of each Under Secretary of an executive department, the Deputy Postmaster General, the Assistant to the Attorney General, the Solicitor General of the United States, the Comptroller General of the United States, the Director of the Bureau of the Budget, the Chairman of the National Security Resources Board, the Federal Security Administrator, the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs, the Administrator of General Services, and the Housing and Home Finance Administrator shall be \$17,500 ner annum

Finance Administrator shall be \$17,500 per annum.

Sec. 4. The rate of basic compensation of the Chairman of the Munitions Board, the Chairman of the Research and Development Board, the Assistant Comptroller General of the United States, the Assistant Director of the Bureau of the Budget, the Deputy Administrator of Veterans' Affairs, the Director of Central Intelligence, the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Director, the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Chairman of the Civil Service Commission, the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Errort-Import Rank of Wash-Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Export-Import Bank of Washington, the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, the Chairman of the United States Maritime Commission, members of the Council of Economic Advisers, members of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, and members of the Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (including the Comptroller of the Currency) shall be \$16,000 per annum.

Sec. 5. (a) The rate of basic compensation of the Assistant Federal Security Administrator, the Director of Aeronautical Research of the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics, members of the Civil Aeronautics Board, members of the Federal Communications Commission, members of the Federal Power Commission, members of the Federal Trade Commission, members of the Interstate Commerce Commission, members of the National Labor Relations Board, members of the National Mediation Board, members of the Railroad Retirement Board, members of the Securities and Exchange Commission, members of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority, members (other than the Chairman) of the Civil Service Commission, members of the United States Tariff Commission, the General Counsel of the National Labor Relations Board, the Deputy Administrator of General Services, the Archivist of the United States, each Assistant Secretary of an executive department (including the Fiscal Assistant Secretary of the Treasury and the Deputy Under Secretaries of State), each Assistant Attorney General, each Assistant Postmaster General, the Assistant Solicitor General of the United States, the Counselor of the Department of State, the Philippine Alien Property Administrator, members (other than the Chairman) of the Board of Directors of the Export-Import Bank of Washington, members (other than the Chairman) of the Board of Directors of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, members (other than the Chairman) of the United States Maritime Commission, the Administrator of the Production and Marketing Administration, the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, the Commissioner of Public Roads, the Commissioner of Immigration and Naturalization, the Administrator of Civil Aeronautics, the Administrator of the Rural Electrification Administration, the Governors of Alaska, Hawaii, the Virgin Islands, and the Panama Canal, the Chief of Staff of

the Joint Committee on Internal Revenue Taxation, the Public Printer, the Librarian of Congress, and the Architect of the Capitol shall be \$15,000 per annum.

(b) The first sentence of section 603 of title 28 of the United States Code (relating to the salary of the Director of the Administrative Office of the

United States Courts) is amended to read as follows:

"The Director shall receive a salary of \$15,000 a year." SEC. 6. (a) The rate of basic compensation of the Housing Expediter, the Director of the Bureau of Federal Supply, the Director of Selective Service, members of the Displaced Persons Commission, members of the Indian Claims Commission, members of the War Claims Commission, members of the Philippine War Damage Commission, the Associate Federal Mediation and Conciliation Director, the Deputy Director of Central Intelligence, the Director of the Bureau of Prisons, the Commissioner of Public Buildings, the Commissioner of Community Facilities, the Commissioner for Social Security, the Commissioner of Reclamation, the Chief of the Soil Conservation Service, the Commissioner of Customs, the Commissioner of Narcotics, the Governor of the Farm Credit Administration, the Chief Forester of the Forest Service, the Administrator of the Farmers Home Administration, the Manager of the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, the Associate Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Commissioners of the United States Court of Claims, the Assistant Architect of the Capitol, the Chief Assistant Librarian of

Congress, and the Deputy Public Printer shall be \$14,000 per annum.

(b) The second sentence of section 603 of title 28 of the United States Code (relating to the compensation of the Assistant Director of the Administrative Office of the United States Courts) is amended to read as follows: "The Assistant Director shall receive a salary of \$12,500 a

year.'

(c) The rate of compensation of the Legislative Counsel of the House of Representatives and of the Legislative Counsel of the Senate shall be \$12,000 per annum.

(d) The second sentence of section 30 of the Act of May 24, 1924, as amended (U. S. C., title 5, sec. 152a), relating to the appointment and compensation of the Legal Adviser of the Department of State, is amended to read as follows: "The legal adviser shall be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate."

Sec. 7. The applicable appropriation for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1950, shall be available for payment of compensation at the rate established for any position by or pursuant to this Act unless it is specif-

established for any position by or pursuant to this Act unless it is specifically provided that such appropriation shall not be available for such

SEC. 8. The head of each department or independent agency in the executive branch of the Government, having personnel subject to the provisions of this Act, is authorized and directed to absorb the increased costs during the fiscal year 1950 resulting from the enactment of this Act within any unobligated or unexpended balances in appropriations available to such department or independent agency. This section shall not apply to any agency with respect to which the Director of the Bureau of the Budget shall certify that absorption of such increased costs would impair the proper performance of its functions.

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SEC. 9. This Act shall take effect on the first day of the first pay period which begins after the date of enactment of this Act.

And the Senate agree to the same.

Tom Murray,
James H. Morrison,
George P. Miller,
Edward H. Rees,
Katharine St. George,
Managers on the Part of the House.

OLIN D. JOHNSTON,
RUSSELL B. LONG,
HUBERT H. HUMPHREY,
EDWARD J. THYE,
Managers on the Part of the Senate.

STATEMENT OF THE MANAGERS ON THE PART OF THE HOUSE

The managers on the part of the House at the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 1689) to increase rates of compensation of the heads and assistant heads of executive departments and independent agencies, submit the following statement in explanation of the effect of the action agreed upon by the conferees and recommended in the accompanying conference report:

The Senate amendment to the bill strikes out all of the House bill after the enacting clause. The committee of conference recommends that the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate, with an amendment which is a substitute for both the House bill and the Senate amendment, and that the Senate agree

to the same.

The differences between the House bill and the substitute agreed

to in conference are noted in the following statement:

The table shows the positions included, the present rate of compensation for each position, and the rate of compensation prescribed for each position in the House bill, the Senate amendment, and the conference substitute. An examination of columns (6) and (8) of the table will disclose the difference in the rate of compensation with respect to any position between the House bill and the conference substitute.

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Compensation same as Under Secretaries of executive departments plus \$500 by reason of sec. 301 (b) of the National Security Act of 1947, as amended by sec. 10 (a) of Public Law 216, 81st Cong.

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Rates of compensation to be fixed by the President as follows: In the House bill—2 not exceeding \$20,000; 3 not exceeding \$18,000; 7 not exceeding \$18,000. In the Senate amendment—2 not exceeding \$20,000; 3 not exceeding \$18,000; 7 not excee

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⁴ In the House bill the compensation of the First Assistant Postmaster General was fixed at \$20,000; in the Senate amendment, at \$15,000.

Compensation same as Assistant Secretaries of executive departments by reason of sec. 302 of the National Security Act of 1947, as amended by sec. 10 (b) of Public Law 216, 81st Cong.

As long as positions are held by present incumbents.

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Section 5 (a) of the House bill contained a provision which kept the compensation of the position of Legal Adviser of the Department of State at the rate of \$10,330 per annum. Section 30 of the act of May 24, 1924, as amended, provides that the rate of compensation for the Legal Adviser be the same as the rate provided for Assistant Secretaries of State. Since the Senate amendment omitted the provision of the House bill with respect to the Legal Adviser, the compensation for such position under the Senate amendment was increased to \$15,000, the rate provided for Assistant Secretaries of State. Section 6 (d) of the conference substitute amends the act of May 24, 1924, the effect of such amendment being to provide that the position of Legal Adviser shall be subject to, and the compensation for such position shall be fixed under, the Classification Act of 1923 or any subsequent classification law.

Section 6 of the House bill authorized the President to fix the compensation of the chairman or other head of a board or commission at the rate of \$18,000 per annum if such chairman or other head receives the same rate of basic compensation under the bill as the other members of such board or commission and has important duties or responsibilities not imposed upon the other members, stitute omits this provision of the House bill. The conference sub-

Section 8 of the Senate amendment authorizes and directs the head of each department or independent agency in the executive branch of the Government to absorb, within any unobligated or unexpended balances in appropriations available to such department or agency, the increased costs to such department or agency, during the fiscal year 1950, which would result from the enactment of the bill. This provision is retained in section 8 of the conference substitute. conference substitute adds a sentence, not contained in the Senate amendment, which exempts any agency from absorbing such increased costs if the Director of the Bureau of the Budget certifies that the absorption of such costs by such agency would seriously impair its functions.

> Tom Murray, JAMES H. MORRISON, GEORGE P. MILLER, EDWARD H. REES, KATHARINE ST. GEORGE, Managers on the Part of the House.